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Dear MS. Hanlon ,

I am writing to request that the D.O.E. recommend to President Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain , Nevada be designated the national repository for high - level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Many years of effort and a significant amount of money have been spent siting a national disposal facility. The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that geologic disposal is the only credible solution to high- level radioactive storage. Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

Because of a lack of a high-level radioactive disposal facility , many electric utilities who have generated high level and spent fuel are essentially forced to build on -site storage facilities. These facilities are expensive to build and maintain. Without a national repository it's conceivable that approximately 70 temporary storage facilities may be created. It just doesn't make sense to store waste at temporary facilities when we have the ability to store at one site such as Yucca Mountain.

For these reasons , I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

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